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In re patent application of:  
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For: MECHANISM TO DISABLE  
DYNAMICALLY A COMPUTER  
AUDIO INPUT/OUTPUT CONNECTOR

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 and 8 are amended and claims 4, 11 and 16 are cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-15 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.